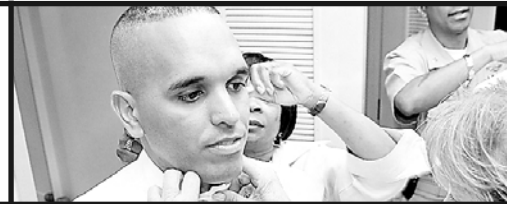


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## Things continue to develop in the public affairs community

By ART FRITH  
NSA MID-SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

If you have been in need of an official Navy portrait or passport photo since last fall, you have discovered that these services are no longer available aboard NSA Mid-South.

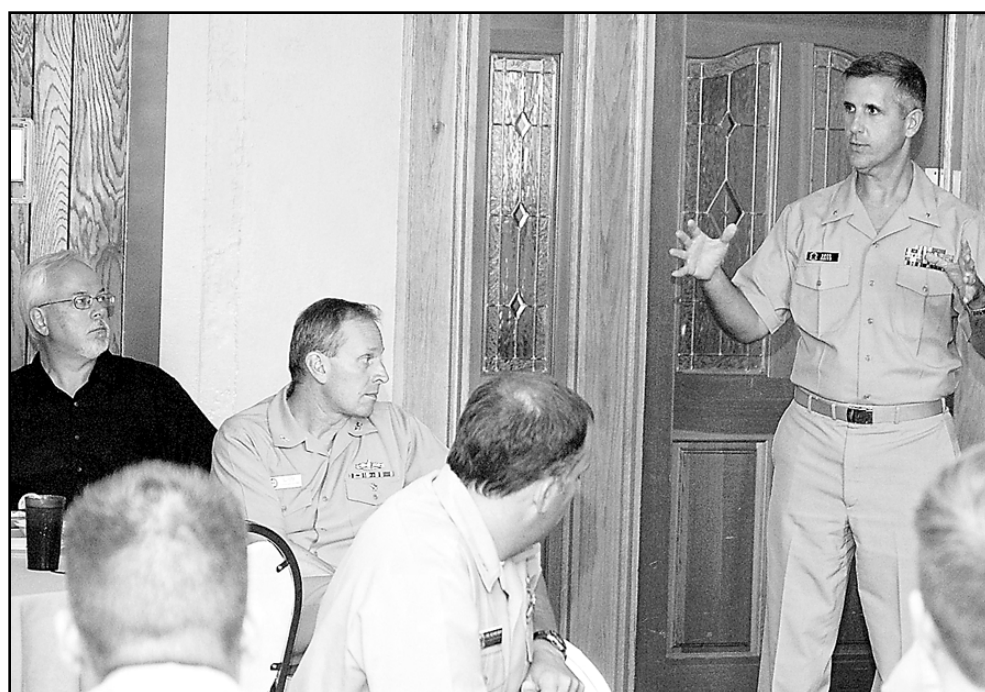
The closing of the photo lab here is part of a Navy-wide policy that dramatically reorganized the public affairs and photographic communities. This was done in order to become more aligned with the Navy's Fleet Response Plan, thus providing operational commanders public affairs resources during times of surge, exercises, or routine underway periods.

Last month, the journalist, photographer's mate, lithographer and illustrator-draftsman ratings were merged to form the new mass communication specialist, or MC, rating. This merger, combined with the standup of Fleet Public Affairs Centers (PACENs) and detachments at fleet concentration areas, is designed to provide more timely and sufficient support to the operational fleet. Employing more than 250 personnel worldwide to serve as hubs of public affairs operations, PACENs report directly to the Fleet Public Affairs Centers in Norfolk and San Diego. They maintain 24-hour news bureaus and ready contingency teams equipped for first-response emergent tasking ashore and afloat, stateside or overseas. Sea Operations dets will operate out of the PACENs to join carrier strike groups and expeditionary strike groups during work-up

cycles and remain with them through the duration of the deployment. PACENs will be led by chief petty officers in charge and will be permanently located at various overseas and CONUS stations. Their focus is on the production and distribution of news material and visual information relevant to fleet operations in their respective regions.

The increase of support to fleet operations and fleet commanders resulted in the elimination of services which had traditionally been provided by installation photo labs. Since the photo labs have been disestablished and are no longer part of the local public affairs office's mission, commands throughout the Navy have been authorized, and encouraged, to purchase digital cameras to photograph local command activities such as reenlistments, roster boards and awards ceremonies. However, safety and investigative photographic services continue to be provided. For those commands here who have an infrequent need to use a digital camera, the NSA Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 455 has two that are available to loan out.

PACENs do maintain a studio photography capability and are tasked with providing official portraits for commanding officers, executive officers, command master chief petty officers, sailor of the year, and other special program photographic requirements. If you're due to be in the area, you may call the PACENs to set up an appointment at PACEN Norfolk, (757) 444-4199; Mayport, (904) 270-7762; or San Diego, (619) 405-2262.



## CHINFO

*visits Mid-South PA team*

On his first out-of-Washington trip since assuming command on July 14, Rear Adm. Greg Smith, chief of information, spoke to 49 Navy public affairs professionals assigned to various commands aboard NSA Mid-South at the Helmsman Complex last Thursday. Smith told the group, "If you wake up every morning and realize that your job today is to make someone else's successful, you will have served your Navy and nation well." Smith visited the Navy Personnel Command, Navy Office of Community Outreach and Navy Recruiting Command. (Photo by Art Frith)

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## NPC

### CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER ADDS TDD PHONES

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Navy Personnel Command's Customer Service Center (CSC) is working to meet the needs of all its customers, with the addition of two telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) phones.

The TDD phones will allow those who are hearing impaired to communicate with the CSC representatives. "The hearing impaired will dial the number, which rings in to the CSC TDD phone, they can type their message and a CSC representative will respond by typing a message back," said Lieutenant Bruce Haynes, Head of Administration, Customer Service Center Branch.

For individuals using TDD, call 866-297-1971. The CSC is waiting to assist you.

## 'TIS THE SEASON

By JOC ART FRITH (RET)  
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The selection list will be out soon, and for a select group of first class petty officers aboard NSA Mid-South, it will be as if they've just won the lottery. They'll be selected for advancement to chief petty officer.

Navy leadership from the top down recognizes the leadership role "The Chief" has played since 1893. In a message to all chief petty officer messes throughout the fleet, MCPON Joe Campa said, "Chief petty officers are first and foremost deckplate leaders charged with developing sailors and

enforcing standards."

Prior to the selection board results being announced, NSA Mid-South command master chief CMDCM Bob Stocklin and Naval Personnel Command's command master chief CNOCM Johnny Walker addressed a CPO general assembly regarding this year's transition season, and more specifically, MCPON's guidance. Walker said, "The success of our program is a direct result of your continued involvement, commitment, and dedication." To that end, members of the NSA Mid-South CPO community are geared up and ready to help these sailors successfully make the transition into the Navy's senior enlisted community.

The key word here is "transition." Gone are the days of the initiation, when selectees were the target of harassment for two months on their way to wearing anchors and khakis. The CPO community has come to learn that there were traditional practices which had little to no value in preparing someone to walk the deckplates as a CPO. The old CPO Indoctrination Course has been replaced by the Prospective Chief Petty Officer Leadership Course, a structured training course specifically designed for the development of personal and professional leadership capabilities in all CPOs.

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Covers like these will soon be worn by those sailors selected for advancement to chief petty officer. (Photo by MCSN Jimmy C. Pan)

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# COMMENTARY

## Liberty behavior and why it IS such a big deal

Hoo-yah, Warriors! This week I wanted to focus attention on a topic I hear quite a bit about – liberty behavior.

Now before everyone starts to tune me out let me say up front, I'm not going to lecture. I've gotten a lot of questions about why commands – especially our overseas/FDNF commands – seem to take a hard line on liberty and liberty behavior.

Fair enough. Let's talk about it, but you'll have to forgive me if I talk about my own front yard.

So why is liberty so regulated in overseas places like Japan? Would you believe me if I said it has strategic and diplomatic importance?

Let me share with you some examples - positive and negative - that may help you understand the importance of our behavior and actions while on liberty.

- NMCM Donald Schrader, assigned to USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), was recently honored by the Good Conduct Association of Japan, a non-profit organization under the control of the prime minister's office of the Japanese government. While he was on liberty, Schrader saved an 8-year-old Japanese boy from drowning in a hotel pool in Guam.

- MAC Robert Ford of Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo's Security Department spent his liberty time coordinating a US-JMSDF Joint Sports Day in July 2005 as well as volunteering as an English teacher for Sasebo citizens.

- AC2 Kathy Kerr, of the Naval Air Facility Atsugi Air Operations Department takes liberty time to teach



BY PACIFIC FLEET MASTER CHIEF (SS/SW) R.D. WEST

English to Japanese elementary schoolchildren and to Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force personnel.

Those are just three examples of what some of our Warriors are doing with their liberty time.

So what's the strategic value in all this?

Well, Schrader is getting the prime minister of Japan's attention. As we work toward forward-deploying a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to Japan for the first time, it is important for the prime minister to understand that our Warriors are respectful neighbors to our Japanese hosts.

Oh by the way, like our leaders in America, the prime minister answers to the people of Japan. They are the same civilian and military people learning English from Kerr and Ford. They all have a good impression of the Navy. They understand us, they know what we stand for, and they want us around.

So here's another story. Very short and simple. Still very strategic.

A sailor was out later than he should have been, he didn't have a liberty buddy to back him up, and he drank a lot more than he should have. Then he decided to beat a Japanese woman to death while robbing her.

Shipmates, potentially these types of tragedies can wipe away the good work and behavior of hundreds of our fellow warriors and also cause some potential changes in their lives that will affect them forever.

Consider the strong possibility of media attention for these types of cases, and the likelihood of anger and outrage at those who are convicted of these crimes.

Just as we would expect, the countries who host us will expect our Navy to investigate and take action, as appropriate. On a case-by-case basis, appropriate command action will ensure that public opinion does not question our integrity and the need for a U.S. Navy presence.

And helping shape the public opinion and perception will be how these events are reported in the news. What people read, see and hear forms their perception, whether or not the reported facts are what really happened. Public perception drives public policy. Public policy drives national politics and relations.

Liberty behavior IS strategic. What we do out in town here at home or overseas reflects on the command, the Navy and the country. And it has potential consequences. Some of those consequences can be more significant than you realize.

So it all boils down to a simple question: How do we not let the perception of the Navy – and our country – be based on the actions of a small few?

I know I want our hosts to see the U.S. Navy filled with the responsible, caring professionals I see every day – because it is.

You always hear the LPO, LCPO, division officer and XO going on about how we are all ambassadors of the U.S. and the Navy. They aren't rattling on to hear themselves talk. What we do on liberty matters, not only to ourselves, but to the bigger picture.

Warriors, this is not a case of "one bad apple." One bad apple labels us all and can impair the Navy's relationship with local, regional and national communities.

You really are an ambassador of the Navy and the United States despite what you may think. So my question to you is this: How do you plan to represent the rest of us tonight on liberty?

This is a responsibility we all share. It means leaders talking to their juniors. It means an active chiefs' mess being engaged at all levels. It means all sailors understanding that liberty behavior can mean much more than a great night on the town and more importantly sailors backing each other up to do the right thing, all the time.

Liberty is supposed to be and should be fun, but we can't have so much fun that we lose sight of our responsibilities and commitments to ourselves and our Navy. And that is being the greatest Navy in the world. Hoo-yah!



COURTESY OF THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

Welcome to the latest edition of the Friday Funnies. This week, we break our usual pattern and shine the spotlight on a couple of folks who did something right.

First up is an AM1 who, as part of the final checks, was inspecting the tail hook on an aircraft that was about to launch. Meanwhile, up in the cockpit, and not as part of the final checks, another mech was replacing a part. He bumped the arresting gear handle, thereby providing the AM1 with an excellent opportunity to inspect the tail hook from really close range. Close enough for the hook point to crack his cranial, in fact. He still got a few bumps and bruises on his forehead, but thanks to the cranial, he was back to work the next day.

And that, boys and girls, is why you are supposed to stay clear of an aircraft when someone is doing maintenance in the cockpit. And why you have to wear a cranial. And why you have to watch out for the flight-control surfaces and anything else that can move. More than one person can work on an aircraft at one time, but they better know what each other is doing, and talk to each other early and often.

Next up is a 23-year-old sailor who was cruising down a local highway the other morning when an oncoming civilian driving a '96 Pontiac drifted off onto the shoulder. The driver overcompensated (boy, there's a big surprise), crossed the center line and smashed into the sailor's '95 Ford Ranger. The truck spun around and rolled over twice, landing upright.

The sailor's morning was ruined, of course, but here's the silver lining. Paramedics checked him and gave him two thumbs up. Back at a Navy clinic, they found what the report called "light seatbelt contusions." The report concluded, "No press interest anticipated."

Au contraire, whenever one of our shipmates walks away from this kind of wreck with minor bruises from a seatbelt, it is cause for a 32-point headline in whatever print media are handy, widespread forwarding of the message to all your e-mail lists, and possibly even a podcast, whatever that is. Those who don't buckle up as a habit should read the story and ask themselves what they'd prefer: light seatbelt contusions, or a face-full of steering wheel and windshield.

And now, back to the usual nitwittery. A 19-year-old E-1 decided to celebrate Memorial Day by speeding through South Carolina, for which he got pulled over. But since he was only going 10 mph over the limit, the officer warned him and sent him on his way. A half-hour later, another cop caught the sailor speeding. He hit the siren. The sailor mashed the gas pedal down even farther and raced away for as long as it took him to wreck his car. He was uninjured. Physically, that is. Money-wise and career-wise, he took some serious hits.

Competitions I like: pro football and baseball. Competitions I dislike (and I'm sure I speak for the CNO here, as well): blood-alcohol-content and miles-per-hour contests. These things don't end with trophies and highlight films and standing ovations from the fans. No, they tend to end up with vomit and sirens and wrecked cars and corpses.

Still have contestants, though. Most recent was a 20-year-old E-3 who got nabbed for going 116 mph in a 55 mph zone near Augusta, Georgia. Not that it matters what kind of zone it was. The only zone that speed might be OK in has banked turns and a hundred thousand NASCAR fans encircling it.

That's all for now, friends and neighbors. Until next week, take care, take your time, take a deep breath and check that manual.

## Navy laptops missing from recruiting station

FROM CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Two laptops used for recruiting were stolen from New Jersey Navy Recruiting Station offices in Trenton and Jersey City recently, and local police have turned over investigation of the matter to the Navy Criminal Investigative Service. These laptops, and several programs on them, were password protected on multiple levels and the likelihood of unauthorized access to the personal data is extremely low; however, the Navy is reviewing the data contained in the computers, including personal information on approximately 31,000 individuals (such as recruiters, prospects from school lists and applicants). Approximately 4,000 individuals had social security numbers on the computer. The Navy is in the process of notifying those affected.

Individuals who believe they may be impacted can call the Navy Personnel

Command call center in Millington, Tenn., to confirm whether their personal information was on one of the computers. The number to call is 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

The Trenton laptop was reported stolen from the recruiting station in early June, and the recruiting stations reported the theft to the police and local authorities. While conducting a command-wide review of Privacy Act data policies and procedures, the information on the theft was provided to the Chief of Naval Personnel in mid July. Initial reports indicate that two categories of information were included on the laptop, either on databases or other documents - a list of applicants and recruiters, as well as information from selective service and school lists. The Jersey City laptop had the same type of information and databases. It was reported missing in early July and also reported to the Chief of Naval Personnel in mid July. While police and NCIS investigated the theft, the Navy Recruiting Command

conducted a comprehensive accounting and has accounted for all other laptops and computers.

The Navy is taking a number of measures to better ensure personal information security. In the near term, the Navy sent a message to its commands to comprehensively review all procedures to better ensure personal information is safeguarded. Commands are also required to disclose any unauthorized disclosure. These actions are to be completed by Aug. 18. The Navy will contact individuals on the lists by letter and provided information on how to guard against identity theft.

Information on how to watch for suspicious activity on personal accounts is also posted on the NPC web site - <http://www.npc.navy.mil>.

There is no evidence that any of the data has been used illegally. However, individuals are encouraged to carefully monitor their bank accounts, credit card accounts and other financial transactions.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The **Navy College** will host its annual **Education Fair** today from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. S-241. The fair is open to all active duty service members, their family members, retirees, and DoD civilian employees. For more information call 871-5290.

**Tennessee's Sales Tax Holiday** is from tomorrow through Sun., Aug. 6. Back-to-School items covered include clothing, school supplies, and computers. See July 13th issue of *The Bluejacket* for details. **The 2006 Southeastern Indian Heritage Festival** will be held Aug. 5 beginning at 10 a.m. and Aug. 6 beginning at noon. The Chucalissa Museum of the University of Memphis and Federal Express sponsor this event. For a schedule of events and directions, visit: <http://www.chucalissa.org> or call 785-3160.

A 12-week **Bradley Natural Childbirth** course will begin on Aug. 20. This course covers topics designed to help women prepare their body for labor. Fathers also learn how to act as coaches, helping women to manage pain through contractions and give birth naturally, without medication. Women can be up to 26-weeks pregnant by the start date. For information or to register, call Sarah Stockwell at 734-9735.

Fleet and Family Support (FFSC) **Résumé Writing Workshop** will be held on Aug. 15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the FFSC, Bldg. 456, in classroom 2. This Workshop will introduce all aspects of written self-marketing tools to include business cards, various types of résumés, cover letters and thank you letters. Create a résumé or bring in your résumé and get help on making it better. Open to all active duty military, retirees, and eligible family members, however, registration is necessary. Contact Brenda Sherman at 874-5330 to reserve your seat.

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## Chaplain's Corner

### GRASSHOPPERS OR GIANTS?

BY CHAPLAIN ROB BEEDE

There is a fascinating story in the Bible (Numbers 13) about how the Jewish people left Egypt and traveled to what would later become Israel. God told them to send spies into the land which He promised He would give to them. Twelve spies were sent and they went to scout out the Promised Land.

They toured the land and brought back fruit: ripe luscious grapes and figs and pomegranates. When they came back, the spies acknowledged that the land was a good place to live and had a lot of fruit. They described it as "A land of milk and honey." However, they said, the cities are heavily fortified, and the enemy is like giants and they said they felt like grasshoppers compared to them.

However, two of the spies (Joshua and Caleb) said, "Let's go up and take possession of the land, for we are well able to overcome it."

What made the difference in the

report? How could the results be so different? The answer is faith: Joshua and Caleb believed God's promise that He would give them the land as an inheritance. Fast forwarding many years in the story, God did give the land to the Jewish people and Joshua and Caleb were the only spies who lived to enter the Promised Land of Israel.

Friend, I don't know what problem or difficulty you're having today. The point of this story is that sometimes our problems can seem like giants if we view them only by virtue of our own strength and ability. Let me encourage you to never forget about God. Never leave God out of the equation when problems seem too big for you to overcome. God is able and very capable "to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20)!

Never overestimate your problems and never underestimate God!



# Four sailors of the year advance to Chief Petty Officer

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Vice chief of naval operations Adm. Robert Willard meritoriously advanced the 2006 sailors of the year to chief petty officer during a ceremony July 20 at the Pentagon.

The chief of naval operations shore sailor of the year, HM1 (FMF/DV) Jeromy Cronin; Atlantic sea sailor of the year, MM1 (SS/SW/AW/DV) Jordan Rosado; Pacific Fleet sea sailor of the year, AE1 (AW) Dennis Simpson; and Navy Reserve Force sailor of the year, HM1(FMF) David L. Worrell each received a Navy Commendation Medal prior to receiving their chief's anchors.

Throughout the week, the four sailors of the year and their spouses met with Defense Department and Navy leaders, visited historical sites, and enjoyed special events held in their honor in the Washington, D.C., area.

Prior to the pinning, MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr., who hosted the week's events, offered his remarks to the sailors preparing to enter a chief's mess with more than 100 years of history and experience.

"The uniform you put on today, and the anchors that will soon be placed on your collars, carry with them a new responsibility and new expectations. The importance of your new role cannot be overstated," said Campa. "I am privileged and honored to welcome you into the chief's mess today."

Willard began his remarks by addressing his expectations of the four top enlisted sailors as they approached the culmination of months of interviews throughout the selection process.

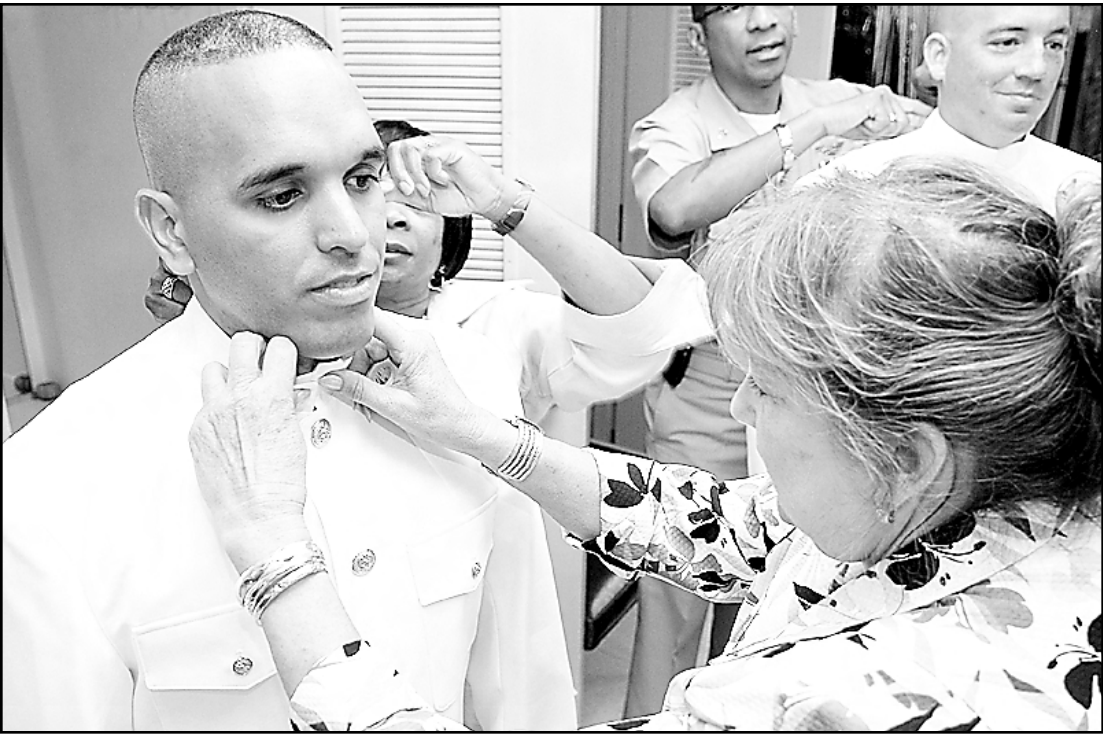
"Their promotions are not as much a reward for past performance as they are a vote of confidence in their future abilities. These sailors have proven themselves ready for increased authority, responsibility and accountability," said Willard.

"As chiefs you'll be evaluated on your ability to accomplish the mission and on your dedication to the growth and development of your sailors," he said. "I can guarantee you'll face challenges you've never dreamed of, but with these great challenges come great opportunity, and I know you'll succeed."

Willard then spoke about the importance of strong leadership, taking pride as leaders in the achievements of their junior sailors, and the important roles family members have in the life of a service member.

"As we all know, such accomplishments as these men have achieved are not possible without the enduring support of one's family, spouse and children," said Willard. "I sincerely thank you for your sacrifice and your continued service to your nation."

While each of the four sailors expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to represent their respective communities, Worrell, the Reserve sailor of the year, also



Atlantic Fleet Sea sailor of the year, MM1 Jordan Rosado, is attended to by the staff of the Navy Annex Uniform Shop while trying on his new chief petty officer service dress white uniform. Before their promotion to chief petty officer July 20th, each of the four sailors of the year receives one of each uniform from the Navy Exchange. The other three sailors of the year are: HM1 Jeromy Cronin, chief of naval operations shore; HM1 David L. Worrell, Navy Reserve; and AE1 Dennis Simpson, Pacific Fleet sea. (Photo by MCI Brandan W. Schulze)

recognized the many sailors and Marines with whom he served in Iraq and the chiefs, senior chiefs, and master chiefs who mentored him throughout his 15-year career. He also spoke to the other three sailors who were recognized at the ceremony.

"To be included in this group never ceases to amaze me. I'm really honored to be associated with them," said Worrell.

Throughout the sailor of the year competition, the Akron, Ohio, native has represented 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, where he currently serves as assistant battalion chief in Brook Park, Ohio. In the past year, he was mobilized and subsequently deployed to the Al Anbar Province, Iraq. As Weapons Company leading petty officer, he was responsible for the medical care of more than 200 Marines and sailors. While in Iraq, he established temporary aid stations during numerous high intensity combat operations. After he returned stateside, he stayed on active duty for 30 days and personally tracked 15 Marines from his unit through the medical system.

Rosado, the Atlantic sea sailor of the year, said he found the opportunity to learn about the other sailors of the year' backgrounds very interesting, especially regarding the different experiences they've had in the Navy from Worrell's experience with the Marines in Iraq, Simpson's experience in the aviation community, his own experience with submarines, and Cronin's experience with diving.

"There was one common theme I noticed," he said while discussing the sailors of the year' similarities, "was the drive and determination and the desire to succeed."

Rosado continued by saying, "You don't strive to become the sailor of the Year. You just strive to do your work, serve your country and do the best you can."

The youngest of the four new chiefs and Brooklyn, N.Y., native, Rosado entered the

Navy May 12, 1998. He is currently serving aboard USS *Seawolf* (SSN 21), where he is the Auxiliary Division leading petty officer and the command fitness leader. He is qualified in submarine warfare, scuba diver, diving officer of the watch, chief of the watch and duty chief petty officer.

Simpson, the Pacific sea sailor of the year, said he enjoyed meeting with and hearing the individual perspectives of senior leaders in the Navy from the master chief petty officer of the Navy, vice chief of naval operations, and secretary of the Navy, to the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and secretary of defense.

He gave insight to future sailors interested in being selected next year on what to expect with the sailor of the year process, based on his experience.

"I think the majority of the boards were focused on trying to see how much you knew about the Navy - not just about your squadron, your command, or your region. All of these guys have that same knowledge of the entire Navy from what's going on at home to what is happening in 5th Fleet."

Simpson was born in New Bern, N.C., and is currently assigned as an instructor at the Naval Leadership Training Unit, Little Creek, Va. As the Pacific sea sailor of the year, with 10 years experience in the Navy, he represents Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Three, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. During his assignment there, he held various positions, including work center supervisor, compass calibration program manager, and fuel cell entry supervisor. At the completion of his tour, he was the night check maintenance control supervisor and was one of only two first class petty officers qualified to release aircraft "safe for flight."

Cronin, the chief of naval operations shore sailor of the year, summed up the importance of the afternoon ceremony and what it personally meant to him to receive the honor of meritorious advancement to chief.

"I think every young sailor when you come in, you look at leadership and the first thing the enlisted sailor looks at is the chief," Cronin said. "The chief always has the answer. If you have any issue, no matter how small or large, you always go to the chief. To become that chief is a pinnacle of a career."

Born in Tucson, Ariz., Cronin entered the Navy July 14, 1993. He is currently serving as a high-risk instructor at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center. He was hand selected as lead instructor and corpsman for the inaugural SCUBA Mobile Training Team mission to Beirut, Lebanon. He provided valuable medical support, taught diving medicine and supervised more than two dozen dives for members of the Lebanese armed forces.

Chief of naval operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and master chief petty officer of the Navy Jack Whittet initiated the sailor of the year program in 1972 to recognize outstanding Atlantic and Pacific Fleet sailors; the next year, the program honored the top shore sailor of the year. Sponsored by the chief of naval operations, the program annually provides recognition to the Navy's outstanding sailors through numerous presentations, awards and meritorious advancement to the next pay grade.

## LEGAL LESSONS

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### JUDGES GETTING CREATIVE

In Michigan, a woman who fraudulently claimed to be a Hurricane Katrina victim so that she could get free rent, was ordered to clean the house in which she stayed.

Sentences range from truly creative to soft-on-crime, but times they are changing when it comes to sentencing.

As I wrote about in this article, Vermont Judge Edward Cashman came under fire for giving convicted child molester Mark Hulett 60 days of jail time in order to get prompt treatment. I was among those outraged by the decision. In February the judge corrected Hulett's sentence to three to ten years in prison.

In dealing with juvenile and low-level offenses, the judges are the most likely to try new sentencing. For instance, some kids who vandalize a cemetery may have to track down the families of those in the grave and write a report on their lives and those who loved them.

Or, kids who drive recklessly may be made to visit the morgue to see first hand the results of car accidents. Also, the judge may have them write letters of apology. In this way, judges may help change the person's heart, which is better than putting them in a cage.

Others have tried this approach even with felons. Four years ago, Mark Wiest, judge in Ohio, instituted a book club for low-level felons on probation. In an interview, commented: "This is my 27th year as a judge, and I think after a period of time, you're looking for new programs." He had read 15 years ago about a similar program in Massachusetts. Probationers read six books, such as John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" and Stephen King's "The Green Mile" over a 12-week period, shaving 60 hours off their typically 100-hour community service sentences. "It just gives them something more positive," Wiest said. "Usually, we're telling them when they're on probation: 'Don't do this, don't do that. Stay out of trouble. Be good. Take your drug test. Pay your money.' And this is just something a little different." Wiest, who is a judge elected in six-year terms, thinks it's working. "We haven't seen these people around again for the most part," he said. While this approach with felons is questionable, no one can argue that there is room for some improvement in our system.

But judges are skittish about doing anything that would bring attention to themselves. This is understandable. The public has a desire to see the punishment fit the crime. So far, we have not done that much as a society.

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She and her husband, James, have three children.





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celebrates National Night Out

**The 23rd annual National Night Out was observed Tuesday at the NSA Mid-South soccer field behind the Pat Thompson Conference Center.** See more photos on Page 5

Season  
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Since a CPO is expected to set the example for all sailors to follow, the transition season also includes physical fitness. Looking sharp in uniform is another sign of CPO leadership. With the emphasis in today's Navy on personal wellness and fitness, these newly selected CPOs will be required to lead from the front, both personally and professionally. In his guidance to each CPO mess, Campa said, "These young men and women will be the product of this CPO transition season's focus. That is to build proud, confident leaders capable of leading change, developing sailors, and enforcing standards." The selectees aren't the only ones involved in the

transition process, as spouses are also brought into the process. They will be given a Guideline for CPO Spouses and briefed on what all is going on, so they will have a better understanding what is happening during the transition season and of the soon-to-be changing role and responsibility of

their new chief. A sentence from the 1918 edition of the *Bluejacket's Manual* stated, "The tone of the ship, the tone of the service itself must come more directly from the chief petty officers than from any other group of people in the Navy. You have the standard: live up to it."

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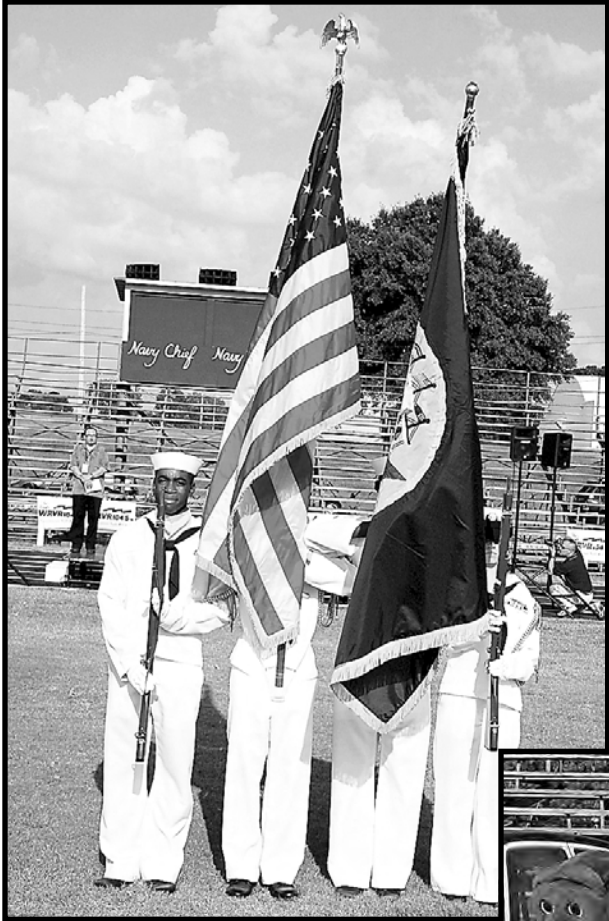
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Approximately 5,000 area residents turned out Tuesday night for the 23rd annual National Night Out. The event featured McGruff "The Crime Dog" and Sparky "The Fire Prevention Dog," food, music by the Navy Band Mid-South, games and a variety of displays and demonstrations. The nationwide event is designed to send a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized to fight back against crime. (Photos by Art Frith)



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# Crossword

ACROSS

1 English-horn kin

5 On fire, in restaurant lingo

11 Some Spanish replies

14 Terrarium plant, perhaps

15 Surgical beams

16 Word with many moons

17 Four words with paper

20 WWI French common soldier

21 Piece of the whole (Abbr.)

22 Subjective surrounding

23 Grandma, affectionately

25 Adm. or capt.'s org., perhaps

27 Three words with paper

35 Stimp's TV pal

36 Sans assistance

37 "De' Pastori Dal Monte"

38 Church official

41 Though, poetically

42 Distinguishing attribute

43 River by the Louvre

44 It inhibits impartial judgement

46 Sault \_\_\_ Marie

47 Three words with paper

51 Income provided by the U.S. gov't.

52 "... saw Elba"

53 Unofficially off-base

56 Country music

org.

59 Ball cohort

62 Three words with paper

66 Winner's take

67 Water mover on a house

68 End in \_\_\_ (require overtime)

69 Use Miss Clairol, e.g.

70 Shells out

71 Digs of twigs

DOWN

1 Inaccurate

2 Road Runner's sound

3 Dessert item since 1912

4 Termination

5 Exhibits shamelessly

6 Varnish ingredient

7 Quizzes

8 Member of an Iranian people

9 Irish accent

10 Subj. for immigrants, perhaps

11 "Elephant Boy" boy

12 "Young Frankenstein" character

13 Kind of bean

18 Lethargic feeling

19 Armed cavalry soldier

24 One-celled organism

26 Pt. of CBS

27 Usurp forcefully

28 Moray trapper

29 "Gunga Din" setting

30 Fat liquid

31 Youthful period

32 Pit bull controller

33 Last Supper question

34 Eucharist plate

39 Isolate

40 Aunts and uncles, e.g. (Abbr.)

45 Waiters, e.g.

48 Spasm sound

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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# Morale, Welfare and Recreation



## Intramural Golf Team Champions 2006

Pictured (left to right) Ace Godshall, Bill Wilson, John Landry, Wayne Loerch, Marty Arnett, George Howze, Terry Erwin. Not Pictured Jerry Whitmore.

ALL HANDS  
POOL

### & Aquatics Program

NSA Mid-South Bldg. S-772  
(901) 874-5169

The Swimming Pool is an all-hands Olympic size pool with a diving well, two one-meter diving boards and separate covered children's pool. Qualified lifeguards are always on duty during operating hours.

General recreational swimming:  
Tuesday - Friday 1:30 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Sunday and holidays 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Pool closed Mondays

*We still have one last session of swim lessons this summer.*

Registration for Session 3  
July 28 to August 1.  
Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays  
4:30 - 7 pm, August 1 to August 25.  
Our classes are 30 to 45 minutes in duration  
8 classes per session,  
and we are able to teach 3 years old and up.

Dive-In  
Movie

Friday, August 11

Movie starts at dusk. Bring the family out for an evening of fun at the pool. Lounge around in the water and enjoy a movie under the stars. Come early and stay late at the coolest place on base.

**Cost \$2 per person**

Open to all ages  
All pool rules will be enforced  
Call 874-5169 for information.

**DON'T MISS IT**

From the Intramural Sports Coordinator

### DID YOU KNOW????

Softball originated on Thanksgiving Day 1887 in Chicago. A group of young men went to a gymnasium to hear the outcome of a Harvard-Yale football game. After Yale's victory, one of the young men picked up a boxing glove and threw it at someone who hit it with a pole. They then tied the glove to resemble a glove, chalked a diamond on the floor and broke off a broom handle to serve as a bat.

Mr. George Hancock was so amazed by this that in one week he created an oversized ball and an undersized rubber-tipped bat. He painted permanent white foul lines in the gymnasium and wrote new rules. It was first called indoor baseball and the popularity was immediate.

*Next week ...interesting facts about women's softball.... uh-mm?*

### WANTED

#### WOMEN Softball Players

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Employment opportunities with NSA MWR

BULLETIN NO: 06-06  
TITLE: Recreational Aide  
POSTING DATE: 06 July 06  
CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled  
SALARY: \$7.00  
CATEGORY: Flexible (10 Positions)  
GRADE AND JOB NUMBER: NF-0189-01  
DEPARTMENT: Southside Grill  
HOURS: Various  
AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Open

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent of this job serves as cashier for the Southside Grill. Incumbent takes orders, collects payment and issues orders to customers in a fast food environment. Incumbent operates cash register and is responsible for change fund accountability. May operate a drive thru window. Cleans scrubs, wipes or washes service equipment such as counters and service lines.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: No specific education is required. Previous cash handling experience is desired.

BULLETIN NO: 06-06  
TITLE: Food Service Worker  
POSTING DATE: 06 July 06  
CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled  
SALARY: \$7.97 - \$9.27  
CATEGORY: Flexible (10 Positions)  
GRADE AND JOB NUMBER: NA-7408-02  
DEPARTMENT: Southside Grill  
HOURS: Various  
AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Open

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent of this job is responsible for performing a variety of preparation and cooking of pre-packaged food items in a fast food environment. Prepares food with standardized production line like routine using kitchen equipment that is highly automated. Prepares food using pre-measured or standardized amounts of ingredients and condiments. Cleans scrubs, wipes or washes service equipment such as work tables and refrigerators.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: No specific education is required. Previous food handling experience is desired. Must have aptitude and potential for performing repetitive and routine tasks with average speed and

BULLETIN NO: 07-06  
TITLE: Veterinarian  
POSTING DATE: 31 May 06  
CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled  
SALARY: \$35  
CATEGORY: Flexible  
GRADE AND JOB NUMBER: NF-0701-04  
DEPARTMENT: U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility  
HOURS: Various  
AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Open

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Reports directly to the Branch Chief/Army Veterinarian, incumbent examines, vaccinates, treats, and performs authorized surgery on animals owned by individual's authorized medical treatment in DOD facilities. Performs emergency surgical procedures, interprets laboratory, radiological and diagnostic procedures such as routine hematological tests, urine tests, fecal examinations, and heartworm tests. Explains medical findings and prescribes treatments. Provides input to the Rabies Control Program. Maintains proper animal health records and controlled drug records. Provides supervision and training to assigned veterinary personnel.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Knowledge of veterinary medical principals and concepts required through completion of a full course of study for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from an accredited school of veterinary medicine. Must be licensed in the state of Tennessee. Managerial skills are required for supervisory duties. Must be able to stand for prolonged periods of time, do considerable walking and lift up to 60 pounds.

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Pancakes	\$3.50
French Toast	\$3.50
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Good Morning Special Three Egg Omelet with choice of 2 filling (2 meats extra) American Cheese, Swiss Cheese, Pepper jack Cheese, Provolone Cheese, Green Pepper, Onion, Mushroom, Tomato, Ham, or Bacon, or Sausage... Hash browns, or Grits... Toast or Biscuit	\$4.25
Western Omelet Hash browns or Grits... Toast or Biscuit Coffee, Soda or Tea	\$5.50

All Breakfast choices come with your choice of sausage, bacon or ham.

### Lunch

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Hamburger	\$3.25	\$4.50
Cheeseburger	\$3.50	\$4.75
Chicken breast	\$3.50	\$4.75
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Beef Philly	\$4.25	\$5.50
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Combo includes French Fries and drink		

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### Grille Daily Specials

**Thursday, August 3**  
Reuben Sandwich

**Friday, August 4**  
Fried Catfish or Shrimp

**Monday, August 7**  
Grilled Cheese & Chili

**Tuesday, August 8**  
Meatloaf

**Wednesday, August 9**  
Baby Back Ribs

**Thursday, August 10**  
Chef Salad

**Friday, August 11**  
Fried Catfish or Shrimp



# Morale, Welfare and Recreation

## Looking for summer fun? Stop by ITT!

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**Comedy Tennessee update**  
Comedy Tennessee is now located at Sammy's Creole Cafe - 6102 Macon Road. Comedy performances held Thursday through Sunday at 8:15 p.m. as well as Friday and Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. Wednesdays are "Open Mic Night." Please note that Friday and Saturday 8:15 p.m. shows are nonsmoking. Also note there is a 2 item minimum - The lowest minimum is \$4 which is \$2 for soda, tea or coffee and \$2 popcorn (free refills on both.) Café features full Creole/American menu with great appetizers, platters, sandwiches, burgers, po-boys, desserts and more. A full bar is available.  
**Admission ticket prices are as follows:**  
**Ticket #1 - Wed, Thu, Fri and Sun shows - ITT price \$4.75 (reg. \$10)**  
**Ticket #2 - Saturday night shows - ITT price \$7.50 (reg. \$13.)**



**Nashville Shores:** 8 huge water slides, Tropical Suntan Lagoon, The Wacky Pond, The Aqua Park, Paddle Boat Rides, miniature golf, and white sandy beaches. Nashville Shores has plenty of Wet & Dry activities and fun for all ages. ITT discount tickets: \$16 Buy One Get One Free! Regular price: \$23.98 each

	ITT Price	At the Gate
Six Flags St. Louis	\$28.00	\$48.50
Six Flags Over Georgia	\$30.00	\$53.00
White Water	\$25.00	\$36.50
Six Flags Fiesta Texas	\$28.00	\$50.81

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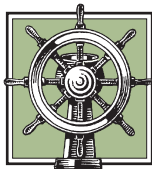
ITT Day Trip Saturday, Nov. 11  
46th Annual Christmas Village  
Nashville, TN  
Tennessee State Fairgrounds

### Beat the heat with cool thoughts and reserve a seat for ITT's holiday shopping trip

ITT is going holiday shopping! Not, now... in November! But, we have begun spreading the word now because our Christmas Village Day Trip is so popular our patrons have been asking to reserve a seat on the bus for weeks. So, in our ongoing quest to please our patrons, we picked a date and planned our Annual ITT Day Trip to Christmas Village for Saturday, November 11. For some of our patrons, who love to shop for Christmas decorations and gifts, this will be their third or fourth shopping trip with us! As you might expect this trip is popular with the "gals" but it has also proven to be a great day trip for shopping "buddies" and anyone who would rather spend time on the road relaxing or

socializing and leaving the driving to someone else. **Trip details and Itinerary:** Our trip will depart Navy Mid-South at 7 a.m. Arrive Nashville Fairgrounds at approximately 10:30 a.m. That gives everyone a full 5 hours to "Shop till they drop!" before it's time for the bus to depart the Fairgrounds at 3:30 p.m. A dinner stop (dutch-treat) is scheduled during the course of the return trip to Navy Mid-South. Our plans are to arrive back at Navy Mid-South around 8 p.m. The cost (\$22.50 per person) includes: your ticket, transportation, sodas and water. Children ages 9 and younger can ride free. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 3. But, don't wait too late. Remember, this trip is popular and seating is limited!

## ... Dining...



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**Monday - Friday**

(See calendar below for daily buffet entree menu.)

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## August A-La-Carte Lunch Specials

- #1 Chicken or Tuna Salad ..... \$ 5.25
- #2 Chicken Taco Special ..... \$ 5.00
- #3 Hamburger Club ..... \$ 5.00
- #4 Turkey and Swiss and Soup ..... \$ 4.25

## Mongolian BBQ

**Saturday, August 5**  
**and Friday, August 25**  
**5 - 8 p.m.**

An array of meats, vegetables and sauces cooked to your liking served with rice and rolls. Choose ... turkey, pork, beef, shrimp, green cabbage, bean sprouts, water chestnuts, celery, red/green and white onions, bamboo shoots, snow peas, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple and jalapeno peppers.

Cost: 60 cents per oz.

## SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

August 20, 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.




Menu includes  
carved top round of beef au jus, Tennessee pit smoked ham, southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, candied yams, green beans, corn Obrien, eggs cooked to order, sausage, bacon, grits, hash browns, French toast, biscuits, rolls, coffee, tea, orange juice, and champagne.

**Adults \$8.95**  
**Children age 5-10 half price**  
**Children under 5 eat free**

## IN THE COMING WEEK!

## AUGUST 3-12, 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><p>Enjoy a <b>FREE</b> picture show in our 36-seat movie theater.</p><p>Popcorn and snacks available. All shows start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise specified.</p><p><i>Ellison Recreation Center is open to active duty, retired, reserve military members, DoD employees and their family members. Patrons must be 18 years or older to attend.</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Chicken Fried Steak Lemon Pepper Chicken</p><p><b>New! Yoga Class</b> Every Monday and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Joe Dugger</p><p><b>Group Fitness</b> Classes are offered Monday-Saturday at Joe Dugger Call 874-5497 for information</p><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Fried Pork Chops Stuffed Bell Peppers</p><p><b>Glen Eagle's Ladies Tuesday Evening Golf</b> Every Tuesday starts at 5 p.m. Cost: \$10</p><p><b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Southern Fried Chicken Beef Stroganoff</p><p><b>New! Yoga Class</b> Every Monday and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Joe Dugger</p><p><b>Family Recreation Night</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details!</p><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham</p><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Fried Catfish Fried Shrimp</p><p><b>TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER</b> Every Friday Sign in begins at 5 p.m. 1st session of play begins at 6 p.m. 2nd session of play begins at 9 p.m.</p><p><b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>Ballet, Jazz and Tap Class</b> every Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Conference Center</p><p><b>FAMILY MOVIE DAY!</b> Ellison Rec. Center 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) <i>Title to be announced</i></p><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>
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Officials attribute 13th month of recruiting success to more than luck

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Defense officials are attributing the 13th consecutive month in which every military service met or exceeded its active-duty recruiting goal to more than just good luck.

Bryan Whitman, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, cited the high priority every service has placed on recruiting, including the resources to back up that commitment, with successes measured both in numbers and quality of recruits. Active-duty recruiting numbers, both for June and for the first nine months of fiscal 2006, continued to exceed 100 percent of goal across the board, Whitman told reporters today. At the same time, the services are maintaining their high quality standards, as measured by percentage of recruits with high school diplomas and scores on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, Whitman said. He noted that more than 90 percent of all recruits have high school diplomas and nearly two-thirds have scored in the top 50 percent of ASVAB categories.

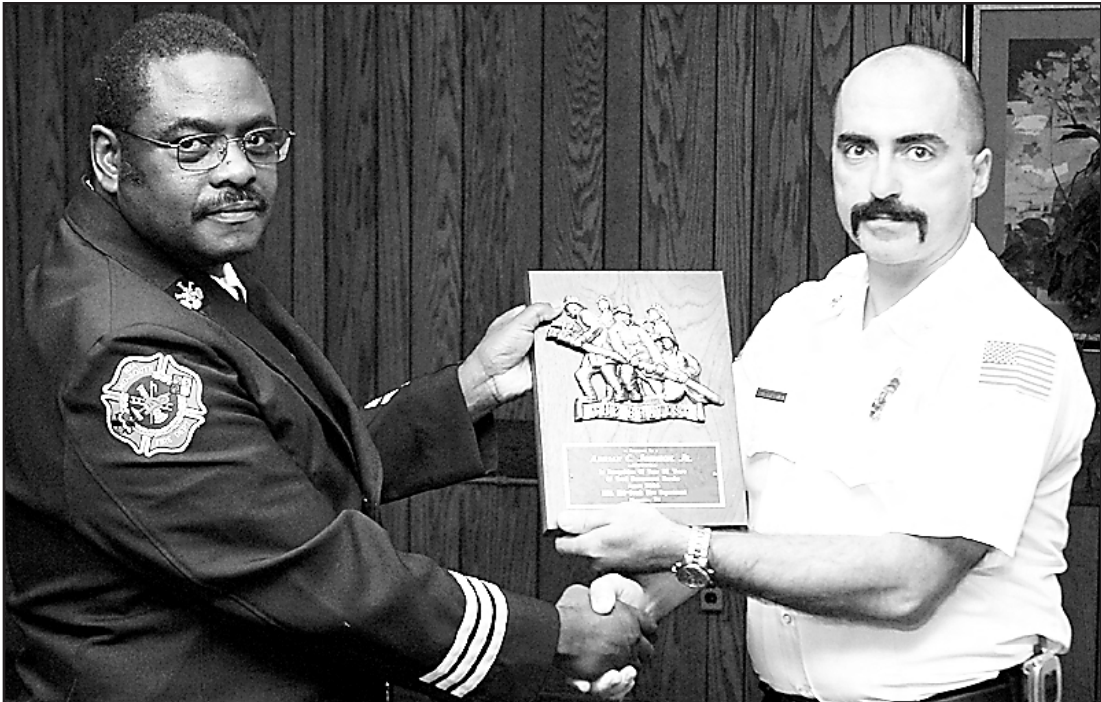
Both measures correlate closely with a recruit's success in the armed forces. Whitman called the possession of a high school diploma "the best single indicator of how well somebody will stick to and adjust to the military." He emphasized that the department has not lowered recruiting standards, despite "myths" that have surfaced in the media. "The quality standards for the military are very high," he said, noting that fewer than 4 percent of all recruits score in Category 4 on the ASVAB, the lowest score the military accepts, Whitman said. Meanwhile, Whitman said the emphasis the services put on recruiting — backed up by

more recruiters, and better tools and incentives to help them — is paying off.

During June, the Army recruited more than 8,700 soldiers, 102 percent of its goal, and the Marine Corps signed on more than 4,300 Marines, 105 percent of its goal. The Navy met its goal of recruiting more than 3,900 sailors, and the Air Force exceeded its goal by 1 percent, bringing in more than 2,500 airmen. Recruiting numbers in the reserve components were also up in June, with all components but the Navy Reserve meeting or exceeding their goals, defense officials said. The Army National Guard recruited more than 5,800 soldiers, 101 percent of its goal, and the Army Reserve exceeded its goal by 21 percent, recruiting more than 5,600 members. The Marine Corps Reserve recruited more than 1,300 Marines, 103 percent of its goal; the Air National Guard, almost 900 members, 119 percent of its goal; and the Air Force Reserve, more than 600 airmen, 100 percent of its goal. The Navy Reserve fell five percent short of its June goal, recruiting just fewer than 1,000 sailors. Year-to-date statistics show positive recruiting trends throughout the force, with every service meeting or exceeding its goal to date and four of the six reserve components meeting their goals, officials noted.

As of June 30, the Army had exceeded its year-to-date active-duty recruiting goal by four percent, and the Marine Corps and Air Force by one percent. The Navy met its year-to-date goal. In the reserve components, the Army National Guard exceeded its year-to-date recruiting goal by three percent, the Army Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve by one percent, and the Air Force Reserve by four percent. As of June 30, the Air National Guard had met 92 percent of its year-to-date goal, and the Navy Reserve 83 percent.

The bravest



NSA Mid-South Fire Chief Jesse Halterman presents Assistant Fire Chief Adrian C. Johnson Jr. with a plaque in recognition of his combined 37 years' total military and civilian government service during a ceremony on Tuesday. Johnson also received the Department of the Navy Meritorious Service Medal. (Photo by Art Frith)

A PAIR-A-DOCS



As Capt. Kevin G. Berry, commanding officer, Naval Hospital Pensacola, looks on, Capt. Paul W. Gerhardt is relieved by Cmdr. Richelle L. Kay, as the officer-in-charge, Naval Branch Health Clinic, NSA Mid-South last Friday during a change of charge ceremony. (Photo by Art Frith)

Retiree seminar



Dennis Mills welcomes the more than 235 attendees at the Retiree Seminar held last Saturday at the Helmsman Complex. (Photo by Art Frith)

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